

AGN Unification, X-ray Absorbers and Accretion Disk MHD Winds

We present the 2D photoionization structure of the MHD winds of AGN accretion disks. We focus our attention on a specific subset of winds, those with poloidal currents that lead to density profiles $n(r) \propto 1/r$. We employ the code XSTAR to compute the local ionization balance, emissivities and opacity which are then used in the self-consistent transfer of radiation and ionization of a host of ionic species of a large number of elements over the entire poloidal plane. Particular attention is paid to the Absorption Measure Distribution (AMD), namely their hydrogen-equivalent column of these ions per logarithmic τ interval, $dN_H/d\log \tau$ ($\tau = L/n(r)r^2$ is the ionization parameter), which provides a measure of the winds' radial density profiles. For the given density profile, AMD is found to be independent of τ , in good agreement with analyses of Chandra and XMM data, suggesting the specific profile as a fundamental AGN property. Furthermore, the ratio of equatorial to polar column densities of these winds is $\sim 10^4$; as such, it is shown they serve as the "torus" necessary for AGN unification with phenomenology consistent with the observations. The same winds are also shown to reproduce the observed columns and velocities of C IV and Fe XXV of BAL QSOs once the proper ionizing spectra and inclination angles are employed.